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LESSON

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LESSON FOR MAY 30

BRINGS ARK TO JERUSALEM.

LESSON TEXT—II Samuel 6:1-13 and
 Psalm 24. (Study all of chapter 6.)
 GOLDEN TEXT—I was glad when they
 said unto me, Let us go unto the house
 of the Lord.—Psalm 122:1.

This event probably occurred B. C. 1042, in the twenty-second year of David's reign. It would be a good plan to assign to various pupils such subjects as: (a) What the ark was, and how it came to be lost; (b) Where it had been since the days of Joshua; (c) What occurred to it while in possession of the Philistines; (d) Who was Obed-edom? (e) Uzziah? (f) Michal? (g) How Jerusalem came to be the seat of government.

I. The Ark Recovered, vv. 1-5. David realized that while God was the God of all the tribes, still there was no visible religious center; there was the consequent danger of confounding the local place of worship with that of some local Baal (god) and the possible breaking up of the national reliance upon Jehovah. Where Kirjath-jearim was is not definitely known, but perhaps it was eight or ten miles west of Jerusalem. The ark had lodged here for perhaps seventy years. David and they that were with him followed the example of the Philistines (I Sam. 6:1-18) in their mode of transferring the ark rather than to have it carried upon the shoulders of the priests (Josh. 3:3). Preceded by "David and the house of Israel," i. e., leaders of the people and all others present, they began the return journey from the house of Abinadab.

II. The Ark Retarded, vv. 6-11. They had reached one of the open places used as a threshing floor when the oxen slipped and the cart was shaken. Uzziah, one of the two into whose charge it had been placed, laid hold of the ark to keep it from falling. Why was he slain therefore? We have already suggested the reason. How to carry the ark was plainly written (Num. 4:5-12; 7:9). Neglect of God's word gets many well-meaning people into trouble, along with their friends, also. The ark was the symbol of God's presence, and men had to be taught to revere his holy name and his glorious presence (see last clause v. 2). Uzziah's sin was the sin of irreverence. He seems not to have sensed the invisible God in his visible abode. The result struck terror into the heart of David and the people, and the ark was left in the house of Obed-edom for a period of three months. David's "improved plan" was a proved failure.

III. The Ark Restored, vv. 9-19. David, by thus abandoning the ark seems to have resented the judgment of God, yet he must have realized that God had sufficient cause for his acts. The ark is a type of Christ, who is Immanuel, God with us. The ark contained the law of God, as Christ embodied the will of his Father. Over the law was the blood-sprinkled mercy seat where God met his people (Ex. 25:18-22). In Christ we find our mercy seat where we meet God. Though this ark brought judgment to Obed-edom (v. 12). Even so Christ brings judgment or joy according to our treatment of him. Obed-edom so plausibly cared for the ark that both he and his household were richly blessed. If Christ is really in our hearts we will be blessed, and Christ abideth forever.

IV. The Psalm of Praise, Ps. 24. In the Jewish synagogue this psalm is recited at the carrying back of the book of the law to its shrine, and in the Greek church at the consecration of the church. The twenty-second psalm presents the suffering Savior; the twenty-third presents the risen Savior as the shepherd caring for and leading his sheep, and the twenty-fourth tells of the reigning, glorified Lord. The whole earth is Jehovah's (v. 1) and no incident better teaches the converse, viz., that he is God of the earth and not a mere tribal deity. He "founded" and "established" it, and all "the fullness," and "they that dwell therein" are his by creative and redemptive right. Since we belong to him we owe him worship and service—and a servant is one who "stands" (v. 3). The conditions of fellowship with Jehovah are "clean hands and a pure heart" (v. 4), those who deal with honesty and reverence. "Vanity" and "idolatry" are frequently synonymous terms.

The first and the fourth condition relate to others, the second and the third to one's inner life (see I John 1:6, 7).

The reward of acceptable worship and service is "blessing from the Lord" (v. 6). In verse eight we find Israel's great name for God first used in the Psalms.

He is gloriously strong, this Lord of the hosts of heaven.

In I Cor. 2:8, Jesus who was crucified is called the "Lord of Glory." Even so our coming King is "strong and Mighty" and will prove himself "mighty in battle" (see Rev. 19:19-21).

When he, the King of Glory, leads captivity captive all of his followers will have a part in that triumphal entry.

WAR'S WORST SIDE

Austrian's Sufferings When a
 Captive in Russia.

One of the Few Members of His Regiment Who Escaped Alive When
 Command Was Practically
 Wiped Out by the Enemy.

The New York representative of an Austrian manufacturing firm was talking to a party of friends, the war, as usual, being the subject of conversation.

"The Vienna firm I represent," he said, "is composed of a father and two sons, and is of sufficient importance to employ a thousand workmen and sell its goods all over the world, though it is not doing any business outside of America at present. One of the sons went to war as a captain.

"Not long ago I had a letter from the captain by way of Vladivostok through American friends there. The young fellow told me that in a battle with the Russians his entire regiment had been caught in an ambush or an enfilading fire, and every one of them, except 36, had been killed. The 36 were captured, and he was one of them, but he had not escaped the deadly hail of bullets. One had struck him in the mouth and passed through his head, coming out back of the ear; a piece of shrapnel had struck him on the right side of the face, destroying the right eye, taking away most of his cheek and jaw, cutting off the right ear and destroying the hearing; another piece had gone through the upper part of his chest and the adjoining shoulder, and a bullet had pierced his thigh.

"That would seem to be almost enough reason for a man to die on the field of battle, but the captain did not. Instead he was able in some fashion to walk, and the Russians made him walk six miles to a railroad station, with other prisoners. The medical treatment he received was hardly worth mentioning, though, evidently it was enough to keep him together.

"At the railroad he was loaded into a rough car, and for 22 days he was on his way to some point or other where, after a day or two, he was loaded up again in the same kind of transportation and given a trip of 33 days. At the end of this journey he was landed in a hospital at Vladivostok, thousands of miles from where he started, and suffering tortures all the way. Still, he did not quit living, and when he wrote me he was able to get out and move around.

"He said the prisoners were practically at liberty about the town, but that really did not mean much, because it was so cold that they were around very little during the day, and if a man tried to get away and remained out all night he was certain to freeze. He had not been able to tell any of his story to his people at home and had managed to get a letter to me through the American consul.

"I have written to his people, but I hadn't the heart to tell them all his

awful story, and for that reason I did not forward his letter as I had received it. I am now making an effort through the state department at Washington to have him released, or something done to better his condition, though he does not complain at all as one might suppose he would."

Famous Royal Artillery Band.

One of the most famous bands is that of the Royal artillery. Many persons who have attained distinction in the musical world have been connected with the Royal artillery or its band. Among them was Sims Reeves, who was the son of a bandsman, and who, in his boyhood, sang in the military choir at Woolwich. It is, perhaps, not well known that the Royal artillery band is fifty years older than the Philharmonic society, having been formed in 1762. It has done much for the advancement of music in England, and has always enjoyed the advantage of having a succession of eminent musicians as bandmasters. It has always been double-handed; that is to say, the players are as proficient on stringed instruments as on wind, and can at any time assume the character of an orchestra.

Queen's All in Flames.

Obedient tradition, a bonfire was lighted the other night at the gypsy camp, Simonsville, and will be kept until it consumes all the effects of Tryphena McNeill, queen of the tribe of her name, who died in a hospital here.

Fuel has been furnished by costly clothing, including a \$250 fur coat and everything she owned or handled, valued at thousands of dollars.

Mrs. McNeill was the wife of King Samuel. Her reputation as a seeress brought many rich clients to her—Waterbury (Conn.) Dispatch to New York World.

The Human Touch.

There must be the sensitive touch. A visitor to a manufactory saw a man molding clay into pots. Noticing that all the molding was done by hand, he said to the workman, "Why do you not use a tool to aid you in shaping the clay?" The workman replied: "There is no tool that can do this work. We have tried different ones, but somehow it needs the human touch." And how true it is that in shaping lives for God there is need of the human touch. We cannot do the Lord's work by machinery. Jesus touched men, imparting health, cleansing and salvation.—Biblical Recorder.

Applied Art.

"What's your hired man plowing up your front yard for, Blinks?" "My daughter has a new camera, and the instruction says to break up the foreground before taking a picture, and I couldn't very well let her do that hard work."

Flaw in the Argument.

"Don't you think that idiots should be chloroformed at birth?" asked the progressive person.

"It wouldn't be practical," replied the student of human nature. "Most of them do not show it until after they grow up."

You would be dimly lonesome if everyone in the world were as good as you think you are.

Backache Spells Danger

Census records show that deaths from kidney disorders have increased 72% in 20 years. People can't seem to realize that the first pain in the back, the first disorder of the urine, demands instant attention—that it may be a signal of coming gravel, dropsy or fatal Bright's disease. The best prevention of serious kidney disorders is prompt treatment—the best medicine is Doan's Kidney Pills.

An Oklahoma Case

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JUDGE CANARIES AT CONCERT

Hundreds Trill, Quaver and Roll in Auditorium in New York for Prizes.

A committee of bird-music critics sat in judgment recently at Labor temple, in East Eighty-fourth street, on the vocal accomplishments of several hundred canaries which had been brought here from various cities under the auspices of the Central Society of Canary Breeders of America.

The birds were brought into the auditorium from a darkened room, and as soon as they saw the light they burst into song. The critics listened intently, observing each trill and quaver, and presumably in their reports will tell those in good voice, whether they sang artistically or not and what the chances are of this or that yellow bird making good if he studies hard and remembers what the critics say about him.

Prizes are to be awarded to the best singers.—New York Sun.

The Direct Cause.

"Why do you want to get divorced?" "Because I'm married."

Some people are vain because of their imperfections.

A man's ideal figure usually has a dollar mark in front of it.

Amazon Explorer
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Algot Lange—famous tropic explorer—recently made a perilous exploration of the lower Amazon.

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